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In re the application of:

NISHIO et al.

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For: ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM, IC CARD TRANSACTION APPARATUS HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD TRANSACTION SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, AND IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE IC CARD SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 29, 2000

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action dated May 30, 2000, setting a three-month shortened statutory time period for a reply. A response is due by August 30, 2000.

In light of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in the Application.

REMARKS

Claims 13-19 are pending in the Application.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Yashida (U.S. Patent Number, 4,736,094) in view of Reed (EFTPOS: Electronic funds transfer at point of sale, and Howlectrics Electronics and Communications Engineering Journal, November/December 1989) and in further view of Wessin et. al (U.S. Patent Number 868, 376) and Cordonnier ("Smart Codes: The Present and Future Applications and Techniques), *Electronics and Communication Engineering Journal*, October, 1991).